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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 1/30/06 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is the first on the merit of the instant application.
2. Claims 1-11 are pending in this action.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: "acquire slot synchronization" should be reading --- acquiring a slot synchronization and "acquiring frame synchronization" should be reading --- acquiring a frame synchronization, since slot and frame are countable nouns. The same modification is suggested in claim 4, line 3. In claim 3, on line 2, "acquire frame" should be -- acquire the frame.

Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: "**value;**" on line 11 should be reading as --- value, ---. Appropriate correction is required.

Furthermore, similar modifications are also suggested in claims 7 and subsequently to claims 8-11, as follows:

1. claim 7, line 6, change "slot" to --- the slot ---,
2. claim 7, line 5, change "slot" to --- a slot ---,
3. claim 7, line 9, change "frame" into --- a frame ---,
4. claim 7, line 9, change "a secondary" to --- the secondary ---,

Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: "value;" on line 8 should be --- value, ---.

Claim 8 is objected to because of the following informalities: "slot synchronization" on line 1, should be ---the slot synchronization. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 10 objected to because of the following informalities: "frame" on line 3 should be --- the frame. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 11 is objected to because of the following informalities: "frame" on line 2 should be --- the frame. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 3 recites the limitation "the steps of halting" in lines 5-6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 6 recites the limitation "the steps of halting" in lines 5-6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claim recites a feature, "halting the secondary synchronization element as a function of the data representative of the channel condition." Examiner raise the question, what channel condition? If it includes any

channel condition, then it is in deemed indefinite; as it stands now the feature does not exclude any condition.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-2 and 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee (US 6,894,996 B2).

As per claim 1: while "receiver" in the preamble is considered as an intended use (for not being used to enhance the body of the claims), Lee discloses a method, comprising:

(a) processing a first synchronization channel of a received wireless signal to acquire slot synchronization (see at least, abstract);

(b) processing a second synchronization channel of the received wireless signal to acquire frame synchronization in such a way that the first synchronization channel is used to detect a change in channel condition (see abstract). RSSI indicates a change in channel conditions.

As per claim 2: Lee discloses a method, wherein the first synchronization channel is a primary synchronization sub-channel (PSCH) and the second synchronization channel

is a secondary synchronization sub-channel (SSCH) of a universal mobile telephone system (UMTS) (see col. 1, lines 34-48).

As per claim 4: the features of claim 4 are similar to the features of claim 1. Hence, claim 4 is rejected on the same ground and motivation as claim 1.

As per claim 5: the feature of claim 5 is similar to the feature of claim 2. Hence, claim 5 is rejected on the same ground as claim 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claims 3 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 8-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and further addressing the minor objections indicated under the "claim objections" above.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Meless N. Zewdu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7873. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bost Dwayne D can be reached on (571) 272-7023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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